

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

Minutes – Open Session May 18, 2018

Approved by the Board on June 15, 2018

Members	Non-Members
Risa Ganel, LCMFT, <i>Chair</i>	Kimberly B. Link, J.D., Exec. Dir.
Aparna Ramaswamy, Ed.D., Ph.D., LCPC, ACS, <i>Vice Chair, Absent</i>	Rhonda Edwards, Board Counsel, AAG
	Anna Sullivan, Admin. Officer
Candice R. Dickens, LCADC, LCPC, <i>Secretary, Absent</i>	Janice Isaac, Admin. Specialist Lillian Reese, MDH
Anna Blasetti DeJong, LCADC, LCPC, <i>via teleconference</i>	Tawana Brown, Admin. Specialist
Amanda Bechtel, LCPC, LCPAT	Willie Harris, MAD-AAMFT
Sharon Bolden, LCADC, LCPC	Kim Lang, MDH
Sara Carlton, Consumer	Mayra Schneider
Mark Donovan, LCADC, LCPC	Tatyana Martin, MTBC
Mary (“Nicki”) Drotleff, LCMFT, <i>Absent</i>	Niki Runge, MTBC
C. Scott Frazier, III, Consumer	CJ Shiloh, MTBC
Jeffrey M. Galecki, MS, LCADC, LCPC	
Husher L. Harris, Sr., LCPC	
Karen Katrinic, LCMFT	

9:00 a.m. Discipline Review Committee
 Legislation/Regulations Committee
 Credentialing Committee

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

- I. Review/Approval of Agenda – *Approved.*

- II. Review/Approval of Open Session minutes of April 20, 2018 - *Approved.*

- III. Reports:
 - A. Chair – Board will meet in June, July, and August unless otherwise notified. Bechtel, deJong, Frazier, and Harris need to complete OMA training online.

 - B. Board Counsel – None.

 - C. Legislation Regulations Committee: Amanda Bechtel, Chair.
 - Art therapy and internship/work experience regulations are due June 15, 2018. Drafts will be sent to members and posted to website before the next meeting.

D. Credentialing Committee: Bolden and Husher reporting.

The Committee reviewed applications with issues regarding clinical hours earned by LGs out of state and the meaning of “substantially equivalent” as it pertains to educational requirements for all credentials. Both issues will require further discussion by the Committee and the Board to resolve. Kim Link will work with the Committee to prepare a proposal for Board consideration.

E. Discipline Review Committee: Jeff Galecki, Chair.

The Committee has completed its review of complaints from 2012 to present. Therefore, the Committee will now meet once a month unless there are case resolution conferences scheduled or an increase in the number of complaints received by the Board.

IV. Old Business, Kim Link.

- Sunset bill was signed/enacted on May 15, 2018.
- Conversion therapy bill will not require new regulations. If the Board receives a complaint alleging that a licensee was practicing conversion therapy, it would fall within “unprofessional conduct” under the Practice Act.
- Concept papers are due to DH by May 25, 2018. The Board will submit a concept paper requesting that legislation be introduced next session to: amend the language of the art therapy statute; allow the Board to enroll in the FBI rap back program and allow the Board to discontinue issuing paper licenses.
- Maryland law exam: Board is working with NBCC to implement a tutorial style exam that will be administered through an applicant’s personal computer/device. NBCC expects the new format to be available during the first quarter of 2019.
- Staff: Investigator Shelly-Ann Barnes joined the staff on April 25, 2018. We are currently interviewing for a contractual investigator. The two new merit positions provided to the Board will not be issued before the start of the new fiscal year (July 1, 2018). Discussions continue with DH regarding office space to accommodate increased staff.
- Approved supervisors: a notice will be sent via email, website, and Facebook to licensees/certificate holders/trainees regarding the approved supervisor requirements in June.

V. New Business:

- Presentation by Tatyana Martin, MTBC, Niki Runge, MTBC, and CJ Shiloh, MTBC regarding licensure for music therapists. Board will consider this issue when it address board composition as directed by the Sunset Bill.

- Bolden: Discussion regarding who should be authorized to supervise alcohol and drug counselors; memo distributed; tabled for further discussion at the next meeting or as determined by the Chair.

VI. Misc./FYI

- BAAC meeting scheduled for April, 25, 2018 was cancelled.
- 145 Applications received last month, total active credentials increased by 90.
- Next meeting 6/15/18.

Motion to close Open Session. Carried.

Open Session adjourned at 12:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candice Richardson Dickens, Secretary